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Cynics have an answer that is not complimentary, but all such will be confounded by a story of Woman's Achievements which will only appear in the next
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MARRIED HIS SERVANT GIRL.

Moses Scharff Elopes to Clayton With Miss Barfuss.

GROOM IS 65 YEARS OLD.

THE NEW MRS. SCHARFF IS ONLY 25 AND WAS HER HUSBAND'S KITCHEN MAID.

SAID HE HAD A HEADACHE.

Offering This Excuse He Left His Office and Later Presented His Five Children With a Stepmother.

After living almost to the palmist's limit of three score and ten and after being a widower eight years, Moses Scharff, senior member of Scharff Bros., flour dealers, and prominent in business and Jewish circles, eloped with a Gentile 40 years his junior, a former servant in his household.

There was a scene at his beautiful home, 4000 Forest Park boulevard, Thursday morning, when he told of his marriage.

There was much comment when it became known in the business district and on the floor of the Merchants' Exchange, of which Mr. Scharff has been for years a prominent member.

Mr. Scharff is 65 years old. His bride was known by her maiden name, Elizabeth V. Barfuss. She was formerly the wife of a Dr. Smith of Cape Girardeau. She obtained a divorce from her husband in October, 1885, with the assistance of Mr. Scharff, who advised her to bring suit, and testified in her behalf at the trial. She is 25.

For eight months prior to her marriage to Dr. Smith she was a cook for Mr. Scharff's household, which consisted of himself and his daughter, Marion, and his son, Louis, both single. The white-haired groom



MOSES SCHARFF AND HIS DAUGHTER, MARION.

has five children and a number of grandchildren.

The elopement took place Wednesday. Mr. Scharff was waiting for them at 311 North Main street at 1 p. m., saying he had a headache and was going home to rest. He did not. He met Miss Barfuss by appointment. They took a car and went to Clayton. They got out of the car separately at a block apart and entered the Court House by different doors.

They met at Deputy Recorder Wetzel's office where Charles J. Hennigson of the Clayton Argus was waiting for them. They obtained a marriage license. Then they went to the Argus office, where the Justice Greenfield met them later and married them.

At 5:30 o'clock Mr. Scharff appeared at his residence alone, smiling and with a bunch of violets in his button hole.

Miss Anna Ferguson, who has been his housekeeper for three years, opened the door.

"How's your headache?" she asked.

"I haven't any headache," said Mr. Scharff.

"O, I thought you had," said the housekeeper, "one of the men from the store was here and said you had a headache."

"It's all gone now," replied the aged groom, smiling broadly and keeping his secret.

Miss Ferguson has been the only occupant of the house during the day for several weeks. Miss Marion is visiting a sister in Mobile, Ala., and Louis Scharff is in Arkansas on business.

Thursday morning Mr. Scharff divulged his secret to his household. He was putting on his overcoat in the hall. He took a package, carefully wrapped in tissue paper, from his pocket and laid it on the hall rack. As he was leaving Miss Ferguson called his attention to the package.

"O," said the white-haired head of the house, "those are violets. My wife bought them yesterday."

"Your wife?" ejaculated Miss Ferguson.

Mr. Scharff apparently changed his mind about going out and went upstairs. A few minutes later he called Miss Ferguson to him and told her he had married Miss Barfuss.

The housekeeper got excited and resigned, saying she would not remain in the house with the new Mrs. Scharff.

"O, well, there'll be somebody here to cook supper to-night, anyway," said Mr. Scharff. He paid Miss Ferguson and slipped out of the house while she was trying to tell him "what she thought about it."

Miss Ferguson had quieted down somewhat when a Post-Dispatch reporter called at the house. She is a slight, neat looking blonde. When she opened the door it was apparent that she had been crying.

"Mr. Scharff is not in," she said. "I was his housekeeper, but I suppose I have missed out."

Miss Marion is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. E. Richards, at Mobile, Ala. I know she will be heartbroken when she learns of her father's marriage to a woman who was once her servant. I often heard her

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NIGHT ASSAULT ON TWO GIRLS.

Desperate Attempt to Drag One Into an Alley.

CLOTHING NEARLY TORN OFF.

MINNIE FRANKS ILL AT HOME BECAUSE OF THE TERRIBLE ENCOUNTER.

DILATORY POLICE TACTICS.

Fifth District Officers Say They Know the Man, but Fail to Arrest Him—The Girls Want to Prosecute.

The police of the Fifth District have been searching for Henry Hokamp since Sunday. He lives at the northeast corner of Twenty-fifth and North Market streets with his wife and children.

Mrs. Hokamp says her husband is at home every night and morning. She thinks it strange the police cannot find him. He works some place, she says, but for the life of her she cannot tell where.

The police suspect that it was Hokamp who attacked Miss Minnie Franks, 2672 Warren street, and Miss Louisa Steube, 2230 Montgomery street, last Sunday night.

Miss Franks has been so prostrated by the fright she received on that occasion that she has been unable to fulfill her duties at the Planter's Hotel, where she is employed. Miss Steube works in a laundry at Twenty-ninth and Olive streets.

A reporter called at the Franks home Thursday morning. Miss Franks could not be seen, but her sister, Miss Etta Franks, told the story of the assault.

Miss Steube and Minnie went over to North Market street with some other young women who had passed the evening with us," she said.

"They were walking home, arm in arm, and were in a hurry. As they passed Benton street on Twenty-fifth they were frightened out of their wits by a man who suddenly emerged from behind a tree box. He came directly toward the girls and they screamed with fright."

"Shut up," he said, as he grabbed Min-



MISS MARION SCHARFF.

nie around the waist and tore her from Louisa's grasp.

"Louisa for a few moments stood still, too frightened to move. Then the fellow began tugging at Minnie. He nearly tore her clothing from her. Her jacket sleeves were pulled out. He had her by both arms and was trying to drag her into an alley. She was so frightened that she became unconscious."

"When Louisa recovered her wits and started north on the run, screaming as she ran. The man left Minnie alone and took after Louisa."

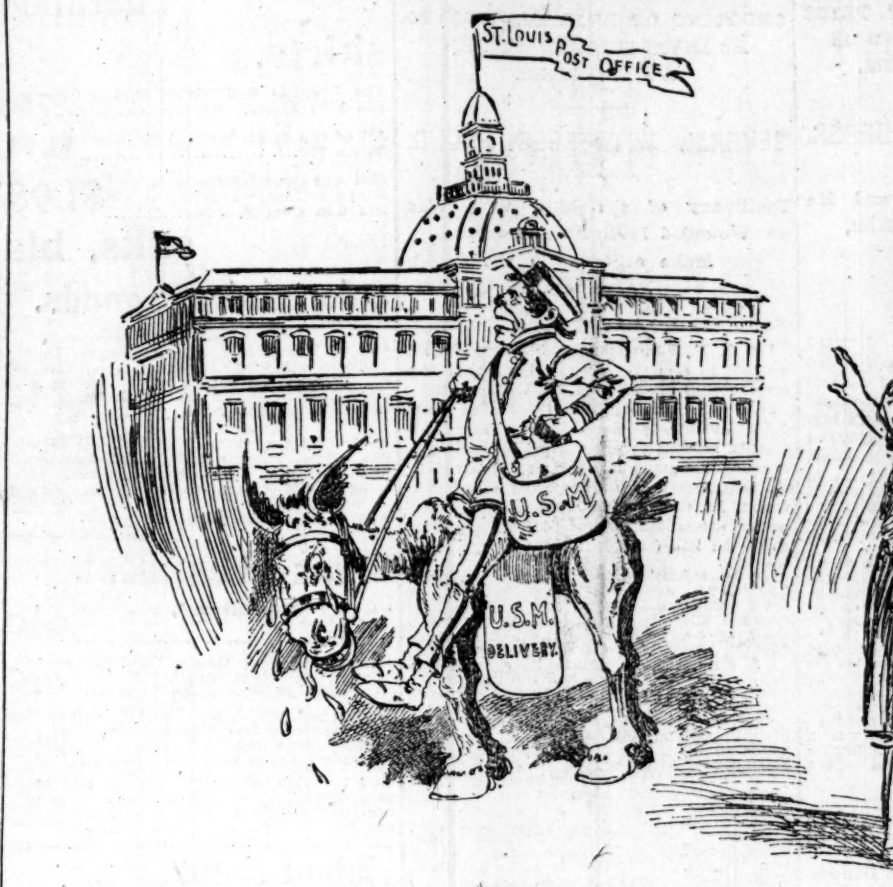
"He did not go far, for her screams attracted the attention of some men who came to their assistance. The man who assaulted the girls then ran and escaped."

"Among those attracted by their cries was a policeman. He looked wise and said he guessed it did not amount to much. He thought some one was just trying to scare them."

"If the police say we do not want to prosecute they misquote us. We are poor and cannot afford to spend a great deal of money. But both the girls say they would."

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SHALL WE COME TO THIS?



A Possibility Under the Proposed Reduction of Mail Deliveries.

THE TELLER RESOLUTION.

Senate by a Good Majority Voted to Take It Up.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Senator Vest moved to take up the Teller resolution in the Senate, and Senator Lodge moved an executive session. The latter motion was voted down—27 to 30. The silver men voted solidly no and were aided by several Western Republicans and Quakers of Pennsylvania, who also voted no. No Democrat voted in the affirmative.

The Teller resolution was then taken up by a vote of 41 to 25.

At 2 o'clock the Teller resolution was made the unfinished business and an agreement reached to lay it aside, and the Senate went into executive session.

METEOR IN BROAD DAY.

Seen Wednesday by E. F. Coddington at Lick Observatory.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Jan. 20.—The following telephone message was received from Director Schaeberle of Lick Observatory: "The very unusual phenomenon of a bright meteor in broad daylight was observed here by E. F. Coddington, fellow in astronomy, at the observatory. It was seen in the West shortly after 1 o'clock p. m. at an elevation of about 30 degrees above the horizon, moving rapidly toward the north in a path slightly inclined toward the earth. It increased in brightness along its course and disappeared suddenly in a clear sky without any report being heard."

SPENCER, IND., BURNING.

All Communication With Other Towns Cut Off by Fire.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 20.—Reports were received from Spencer, Ind., at an early hour this morning that the town was on fire. Before any particulars could be learned, the telephone and telegraphic connections with that place were cut off. The last report from a train dispatcher there to a neighboring station was to the effect that the town were on fire and burning fiercely. Spencer is the county seat of Owen County and is on the Indianapolis & Vincennes Railway, 33 miles from here.

PACKING HOUSE ACCIDENT.

One Workman Was Killed and Two Others Were Injured.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 20.—A section of floor at the Cudahy packing plant fell this morning carrying down several workmen. J. Novak was killed, Chris Montgomery sustained a broken jaw and other had bruises and Mike O'Day received a bad scalp wound. The wall supporting the floor had been weakened by repairs in progress.

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KOERNER HAD A CLOSE CALL.

Well-Known Restaurateur Saved by a Policeman.

REVOLVER POINTED AT HIM.

ATTEMPT MADE BY EX-BUILDING COMMISSIONER HACKETT TO SHOOT KOERNER.

QUARRELED ABOUT HIGGINS.

Koerner Was Hiding in His Office and Hackett Was Trying to Get at Him When Patrolman Crane Got There.

E. A. Koerner, a Washington avenue restaurateur, looked down the barrel of Thomas W. Hackett's revolver early Thursday morning and shivered. Had it not been for the prompt interference of Patrolman Jerry Crane of the Central Police District, Mr. Koerner might have been killed.

When the policeman arrived Koerner was crouching behind his desk and Hackett, with revolver in hand, was entering the enclosure around the desk, prepared to shoot.

Hackett is a well-known contractor. He was once Building Commissioner for the city. At 1 o'clock Thursday morning he entered Koerner's place and sat with the proprietor at a table in the barroom. They were well acquainted and the conversation was pleasant until Hackett began chaffing Koerner about running his place without a license.

Mr. Koerner's recent bout with Excise Commissioner Higgins is an unpleasant topic for him. He showed that he did not relish it and Hackett began abusing the Excise Commissioner for the part he played.

"Now that's all settled," said Koerner, "and if you're a man and have anything to say about Higgins say it to his face and not behind his back."

This angered Hackett and he called Koerner a harsh name. Koerner rose and said if the offense were repeated he would slap Hackett's face.

Hackett repeated the offensive name, but the saloonkeeper did not slap him, for Hackett had drawn a deadly-looking revolver and was loudly shouting that he would shoot him. He was reporting to execute his threat when Koerner, in his haste to avoid danger, overturned a table and fled. The waiters ran out on Washington ave-

nue, calling lustily for the police. Koerner ran behind the bar and into his private office, with Hackett close after him.

Patrolman Crane was at Sixth street and Washington avenue when he heard the disturbance. He rushed in and caught Hackett's arm in time to prevent murder.

Hackett resisted, but was arrested and locked up at the Chestnut Street Police Station. He was charged in the Police Court with carrying concealed weapons. Mr. Koerner was not present to prosecute, but the case was continued until the 22d, at the request of Hackett's attorney.

During Noonan's campaign for Mayor, Hackett shot and seriously wounded Dave Rugan, a well known politician. He was acquitted on trial.

MOBS TO BE REPRESSED.

Proposed Demonstration Next Sunday in Paris Prohibited.

PARIS, Jan. 20.—The Minister of the Interior, M. Barthou, at a Cabinet meeting today informed his colleagues of the measures taken to prevent street demonstrations. He added that the proposed demonstration on Sunday will be prohibited.

The trial of Emile Zola will begin before the Assize Court on Feb. 7.

NEW YORK ON THE DEFENSIVE.

Bills to Help in Fight Against Competition.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 20.—The Canal Board Owners' Association of the State has drafted two bills for the protection of the commerce of the State and of the canals and they will be introduced in the Legislature in a few days.

One of the bills appropriates \$120,000 for the purchase of four grain elevators at Buffalo by the State Superintendent of Public Works and provides that he may institute condemnation proceedings to take elevators now in use there if they suit the purpose of the State.

The second bill provides that any railroad corporation operated wholly or partly within this State which shall charge or receive a greater sum for transporting flour, grain, meats, lumber, merchandise, oil, iron ore, coal or any products than is charged by any other road for carrying from the same point of shipment to the seaboard to some port other than the port of New York shall be declared to have abandoned its charter which shall become the property of the State.

BULLET IN HIS HEAD.

A Missouri Boy With Unusual Tenacity of Life.

MARYVILLE, Mo., Jan. 20.—Emery Walker, aged 16, who resides near Burnard, in Nodaway County, is living with a bullet in his brain. On Dec. 28 last young Walker accidentally shot himself. The ball entered his nose, ranged upward and lodged in his head.

The doctors said his wound was fatal, but he has recovered. He is suffering no pain as a result of the accident, but the fact that he has lost both the senses of taste and smell is conclusive proof to the doctors that the ball is still in his brain. They think it has lodged between the two lobes.

ADOLPH'S ULTIMATUM; OR, THE BOLDNESS OF A TRUE LOVER REWARDED.

Adolph Weinert, a clerk in a railroad office in East St. Louis, panted to wed with Rosy Beckert, but Adolph's papa said nay. Not to be outdone, the young couple eloped as far as Eighth and Chestnut streets and sat for two hours on Justice Haughton's steps. After the ceremony Adolph kissed his bride good and plenty and declared, with many gesticulations, that he wanted the papers to publish the fact that he had been emancipated and was his own boss.



"Go to!" the parent sternly cried, in manner far from prosy. "My word is law—remember that. You shall not marry Rosy!"

"O, come, my love, and let us fly!" Was Adolph's glad idea. That evening, as he sat beside His charming dulcinea,

Two mortal hours next morning on The Judge's steps they waited— She, who was shivering with the cold, And he, whose breath was bated.

And when the Judge arrived at last, He gave them both his blessing. And an ad to see the frantic pair Each other's form caressing.

Then Adolph swore a mighty oath, As from the place he skated, And bellowed forth so all could hear: "I've been emancipated!"

THE WEATHER FORECAST.

FAIR AND COLDER.

For St. Louis, 24th vicinity—Fair Thursday night and Friday; colder, Thursday night. For Missouri—Fair Thursday night and Friday; colder Thursday night. For Illinois—Fair and colder Thursday night and Friday.

TENANTS IN NIGHT ARRAY.

They Are Awakened by Clanging Fire-Engine Bells.

A FIEND FIRES A GROCERY.

COAL OIL, SHAVINGS AND KINDLINGS SOATTERED ABOUT NEAR A GASOLINE TANK.

ONE HUNDRED LIVES IN PERIL.

J. F. Ewing, Who Owned the Grocery, Arrested While in Bed—A Fire Occurred in the Basement of His Store a Month Ago.

Fire was discovered in J. F. Ewing's grocery store, 1415 Pine street, at 3 o'clock Thursday morning.

The store room was saturated with coal oil.

Ewing, the proprietor of the store, is in the holdover, pending investigation. He was taken from bed at his home, 1409 Chestnut street, soon after the fire.

The fire was discovered by W. McFarland of 1415 Pine street. Prompt work by firemen saved the building and grocery stock. The damage will probably not exceed \$50.

The upper floors over the Ewing store are tenanted by women who occupy rooms. At least a hundred lives were in peril, and there was a wild scramble among the sleeping inmates.

When the firemen entered the place they found six bundles of kindling wood, two coal oil cans with open taps, a wooden box full of shavings, and a pan of coal oil in the middle of the shavings. All of this was



J. F. EWING.

found under a coupler in the rear of the store.

At an opposite corner, the firemen found a water bucket filled with coal oil. A little further along was a clear box filled with the same fluid. Matches were scattered all around the room.

There was a twenty gallon tank of gasoline. The tank was uncovered, and had it ignited the explosion would have wrecked the big store. Matches were scattered all around the room.

The clanging of the fire engines awoke the sleeping tenants on the upper floors and there was a general exodus. Some of the transient tenants escaped in abbreviated apparel and did not know where any of the women were wild with excitement.

"I was taken as a suspect. He sympathized with me any knowledge of the fire. It was in bed asleep when the officers dragged me out," said Ewing to a reporter for the Post-Dispatch.

"I left the store at 8 o'clock last night," he continued, "and went to 1409 Chestnut street, where my wife and I keep a lodging house. I did not go back to the store last night and never heard of the fire until so informed by the officer, who dragged me out of bed."

"Insurance? Yes my stock was insured for \$500 in the Phoenix of London. I made no denial of that."

"My stock invoiced \$50 Jan 1 and since that time I have added a lot of goods for which I paid cash. I have also paid out a lot of money for new shelving. There would certainly be no financial gain for me to burn the place."

"I have no fears. I know I'm not guilty and I can establish the fact if I am given the opportunity."

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To add to his income he opened a lodging house at 1409 Chestnut street. Ewing is 35 years old and has lived in St. Louis 12 years.

While there is every indication denoting that the fire was planned by an incendiary, there is no direct evidence against Ewing. He was arrested pending further investigation. One suspicious circumstance, the police say, is that about a month ago a fire started in the basement of the store. It was extinguished without damage. Ewing says he can not account for that fire and that he can not see the one of Thursday morning.

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MISSOURIANS LEAD THE FIGHT FOR CUBA IN CONGRESS.

Champ Clark Attacks McKinley for Passing the Hat Instead of Ordering War Ships to Havana.

"The President's Foreign Policy Passeth All Understanding."

"THIS IS THE DAY OF MC-HANNAISM."

"If Spain Does Not Speedily End the War the United States Should Expel Her from the Western Hemisphere."



REPRESENTATIVE DE ARMOND.
(Who opened the battle in the House.)

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—The Democrats in Congress are well pleased with the opening of the Cuban debate in the House. While not intending to make the question a partisan one, they maintain that their constituents and the country generally have lost patience with the dilatory policy of the Administration and favor such action on the part of this Government as will end the suffering in Cuba.

In the House to-day Champ Clark of Missouri opened the debate with one of his characteristic speeches. He said in part: "If Spain does not bring the war to a speedy conclusion the United States ought to expel her from the Western Hemisphere. There can be no doubt as to what has been our foreign policy. Our foreign policy under the McKinley administration, like the peace of God, passeth all understanding."

"In these days of Mc-Hannism our foreign policy is so feeble, so cringing, so cowardly that even old and decrepit Spain insults our flag, maltreats our citizens and searches our ships with perfect impunity; and President McKinley instead of sending men of war to protect our honor, assert our supremacy and teach the insolent and impotent Don a lesson they would never forget, passes the hat around and invites the American people to contribute alms for starving and dying Cubans."

"It is high time that we served plain and emphatic notice on all Kings, Emperors and potentates that the navies of transatlantic powers shall not be used as collection basins for questionable debts, as was done a year or two ago at Corinto, and as was done a month or so ago at Hayti. The Cuban case is this:

"For three years the insurgents have fought with a courage and suffered with a fortitude that has challenged the admiration of the world—save and except the McKinley administration."

"Three or four hundred thousand people—some of the papers say 600,000—have died, men, women and children, as much martyrs in the cause of liberty as was Warren or any other hero who died that we might be free—and yet the administration lifts its finger to stay the slaughter and can think of nothing more effective for their relief than to pass the hat around."

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"But suppose it were! There are some things worse than war—deplorable as war unquestionably is—and one of them is to play the cry-baby act until we are despised of all nations and kindred and tongues."

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"My Republican friends," he said in conclusion, "I invite you to lay aside the weight that is holding you down, assert your rights, come out on the side of eternal justice and human liberty, thereby demonstrating that you are worthy of the high vocation wherein you are called. We Democrats and Populists stand here ready to remove from America her great reproach."

"If only 27 Republicans will break the yoke, defy their taskmasters and join us in this noble work, before the sun sets this day we will send the glad tidings ringing round the world that 'Cuba is free.' Free, thank God, by the act of the American Congress."

TROOPS FILLED HAVANA.

Extraordinary Precautions Taken by Marshal Blanco.

HAVANA, Jan. 20.—Although the rioting was practically over on Friday night, troops continued to pour into the city up to Sunday. Gen. Blanco arrived from Pinar del Rio on that morning with a force estimated at 3000 men and bivouacked in the railroad yards in the Prado, where most of the forces still remain.

About the same time a column of 1000 cavalry rode in and found quarters in the Cuartel de la Fuerza. In Cuba street, on the artillery wharf, batteries of field artillery were planted in position to rake Cuba and Chacon streets, all public buildings along the harbor front from the Plaza de Armas to the Punta were crisscrossed with troops, and large bodies of cavalry and infantry were held in reserve in the streets adjacent to Central Park. It is estimated that fully 12,000 troops were in the city, in addition to the regular garrison.

There was much speculation as to the cause of such extraordinary precautions. In view of the fact that the city was apparently tranquil. The usual parade of the volunteer police corps on the Prado was permitted, but a cordon of regulars massed the crowd at a distance, permitting no one to approach the volunteers or to cross the park. After the volunteers marched to the palace all restrictions were removed. The city remained in a state of tension until the next morning, when the situation was somewhat relaxed. The city remained in a state of tension until the next morning, when the situation was somewhat relaxed. The city remained in a state of tension until the next morning, when the situation was somewhat relaxed.

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A MECHANIC DRIVES HIS WIFE TO THE STREET AND KILLS HER.

THEN MURDERS HER MOTHER.

JOHN REILLY, A BOARDER, TRIES TO STOP THE MAN AND IS SHOT AT FOR HIS PAINS.

EDWARD DUFF THE MURDERER.

His Wife Had Left Him and He Wanted Her to Return to Him, Which She Would Not Do.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 20.—Edward Duff, aged 40, a mechanic, shot and killed his wife and mother-in-law, Mary Maher, at their home here last night after vainly trying to induce his wife to live with him again. He has been drinking heavily. When he called on his wife at the home of his mother, she refused to go with him. He followed and shot her down in the street. Then he returned to the house, and, when his wife refused to go with him, he shot her in the neck and shoulder, so that she died almost instantly.

John Reilly, a boarder, who was in an adjoining room, met Duff coming from the sewing room with a revolver in his hand. He asked Duff what he had done and received in reply a shot, which grazed his neck. Reilly ran off and Duff took to the street. He passed over the body of his dead wife as he lay on the sidewalk. He reloaded his revolver and seeing that the crowd was gathering, walked briskly down the street for a block, carrying the revolver exposed all the time. The news of the murder spread rapidly and in a few minutes a patrol wagon with three officers rushed up. Duff fought like a tiger, but was disarmed and locked up.

THE OHIO BOOMING.

It Is Now 2 1/2 Feet Above the Danger Line at Cincinnati.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
CINCINNATI, Jan. 20.—Again the Ohio River is booming, and the prospects today are decidedly gloomy. There was a heavy downpour of rain yesterday and all last night. It ceased for a while this morning, but has begun again. The stage is now 2 feet 6 inches, two and one-half feet above the danger line.

Merchants in the bottoms are moving their goods to higher ground. The night and to-day and the temperature is falling, both which conditions operate to increase the danger.

Present advice there has not been a general heavy rain in West Virginia nor elsewhere about headwaters of the river. The river was reported stationary at 28 feet this morning with hard rains all night. The weather being like April. Much damage has been done along the Little Miami River. The bridge at the Pennsylvania and Ohio borders has gone out, causing a long detour by trains.

MARRIED HIS SERVANT GIRL.

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say she would not remain under the same roof with Miss Baruff. "Miss Baruff told us she had recently come from Germany where she had been married to a man named Schmitt. She had been here long and she assumed control of the household."

Her resignation was caused by a quarrel with Louis Schmitt, the old man's son. Elizabeth, as she always called him, told him that Miss Schmitt was too extravagant in her dress and that he should keep her hours. This caused a scene between her and Louis. She left the house. A short time afterwards she returned to Mr. Schmitt's place of business for storage of her trunk and other belongings. They quarreled between Louis and Miss Schmitt, which resulted in Louis leaving home and remaining away three months.

Meanwhile Elizabeth married Dr. Smith. She wrote gravely the situation to Gen. Blanco. She brought suit and sent it into the field on active duty. It was a case in which she had apparently abandoned the scene of the crime. The solution is offered in the Madrid telegram in the papers received here this morning, stating that the case would be tried in the court of honor in Spain to overthrow the ministry and Gen. Blanco and to enforce the return of Gen. Blanco.

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Alterations Completed—Will Be the Great Bargain Dry Goods Block.

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waists. These are positively the greatest silk bargains of the season. One lot Fine Printed China Silk, in navy and black, worth up to \$2.00; also 20-piece lot of Light Colored Striped Taffeta, worth 50c yard. Alteration Price, yard..... 25c

wrappers. A bargain lot of Dark Half-Bottoming and other dark \$1.00 Wrappers..... 55c Turkey Red Wrappers, all sizes, \$1.25 wrapper..... 69c Indigo Blue, Vine and Flower Patterns, regular \$1.50 value..... 79c

black dress goods. 1-inch All-Wool Fantasia Suiting, value 40c yard. Alteration Price, yard..... 19c 2-inch All-Wool Ladies' Cloth, good heavy quality, value 50c. Alteration Price, yard..... 29c 42-inch All-Wool French Diagonal, always sold 70c yard. Alteration Price, yard..... 43c 46-inch All-Wool French Serge, fine surah twilled, actual value \$1.00. Alteration Price, yard..... 31c

the lining store. Yard-wide Rustle and Silk Finished Lining, worth 10c yard, yard..... 5c 36-inch Roman Stripe Lining, 15c and 16c quality, yard..... 10c 36-inch Lining, 12c grade, yard..... 12c 36-inch Silk Lining, the latest shades, \$1.00 quality, yard..... 50c

greater muslin undercoat sale. 20 Corset Covers Friday, each..... 10c 20 Embroidered Corset Covers, Friday, each..... 10c 40 Embroidered Corset Covers, Friday, each..... 20c 20 Drawers, Friday, each..... 10c 50 Lace Trimmed Drawers, Friday, each..... 60c 50 Tucked and Embroidered Gowns, Friday, each..... 40c

Good quality 10-4 White Cotton Blankets, well made and heavy weight, worth 65c pair, Alteration Price, per pair..... 25c

men's furnishings. Men's and Boys' Unlined White Shirts, linen bosom, strong muslin, reinforced front, sleeves, full cut sizes, 12 to 17, worth 60c; Alteration Price, each..... 29c Men's Fancy Embroidered Shirts, full cut, extra well made, all sizes, regular \$1.00 value; Alteration Price, each..... 31c

THE GREAT BARGAIN DRY GOODS CORNER—N. W. COR. BROADWAY AND ST. CHARLES.

ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE. Racing Bill Introduced in the House and Referred.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 20.—Representative Carmody introduced a race-track bill in the House this morning, and it was sent to the Committee on Revenue. The bill is said to have originated with the Washington Park people in Chicago. It provides that

PRODUCED THE DAUGHTER.

Fred Smith's Trouble While Finding a Wife.

HIS FIANCEE REFUSED HIM.

BUT HE HAD TOLD THE OLD FOLKS HE WOULD RETURN WITH A BRIDE.

AND HE KEPT HIS WORD.

A Saloon Porter Located One Who Was Willing and a Ceremony Followed—Next Day the Groom Was Deserted.

Fred H. Smith, 20 years old, a molder, who lives with his parents at 1333 Benton street, was engaged to marry an estimable young woman, Monday morning he told the old folks that he would bring them a daughter-in-law that night, and preparations were made for a hilarious time.

But Fred's girl refused positively to marry. He went to a saloon at Sixth and Washington avenue to think and drown his sorrows. Mr. Smith is a man of honor. His word was given his parents to bring them a daughter-in-law that night, and however chagrined he might be, that was no reason the old folks should be disappointed.

He was seized with an inspiration. Calling the saloon porter, he bade him go forth and bring him a girl, just as one would order quail on toast at a restaurant. Nothing was easier. The porter went out and found Miss Belle Brimmore, a good-looking young woman who lives on Chestnut street.

Mr. Smith told the young woman, whom he had never seen before, that he wanted her to go over to the Courthouse with him and get married. As soon as Miss Brimmore recovered her breath she uttered a great truth. "You must be a fool," she said.

Smith said that was his business, but he had to take a wife and he would do it. Miss Brimmore began to capitulate. She asked in what way he would do it, and if he would, she would marry him.

Smith told her he would have to borrow \$1 from her. He only had \$2.50. Of this \$1 cents had gone for the license and the justice's fee. Having promised to marry him, Miss Brimmore produced the \$1.

They went to the Courthouse, procured a license and from there went to the office of Justice Houghton, Eighth and Chestnut streets, and were married. The ceremony was completed within an hour of their first meeting.

Smith kept his promise. He took home a wife on schedule time, and the old folks were glad to see their daughter-in-law. There was a great time that night, and the festivities were kept up till late hours.

When Mr. Smith woke up Tuesday morning he occupied the bridal chamber alone. The bride had arisen early and left him to go back to her room on Chestnut street. Smith did not know where she lived. He passed the day searching. Towards evening he located her. He tried to induce her to go back home with him, but she refused. She made threats. Officer Dennis Ryan had seen the man who had taken the bride from Smith's pocket and possibly excited a tragedy. Detectives Flynn and Williams happened along, and chided him.

Smith wanted the officers to arrest his wife. They told him that his covered wife had deserted, but they had never heard of an arrest for husband desertion. Smith returned to the old folks. He had kept his promise.

NO SCALE AGREED ON YET.

Miners and Operators Engaged on State Differentials.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—The opening session of the interstate bituminous coal operators and miners conference to-day was of but a few minutes' duration. The report being received from the scale committee, and the body having asked for more time, a recess was taken.

Discussion of the State differentials is waxing warm in the committee meetings. Last night the Ohio and Pennsylvania operators conferred, but it was said only to go further into the mine. The Pennsylvanians are said to have presented an ultimatum in the form of a demand that no differentials be allowed to longer exist between the two States. This proposition was at first bitterly opposed by the Ohioans, but after a long struggle they are said to have expressed a willingness to compromise on the basis of a 4-cent differential in place of the existing 5-cent difference.

Indiana and Illinois operators have also been in conference over the differential question. When the Indiana miners returned after the last strike they obtained a slightly better rate than the Illinois people, whereas previously there had been a margin of 5 cents in favor of the Illinois. This matter the operators of Illinois want adjusted, and it can be done, they say, by the States increasing the rate to 4 cents.

Reports reached the convention to-day that 300 miners had walked out of the mine at Streator, Ill., had gone out on the strength of a rumor that the scale to be adopted would reduce their rate to 3 cents per ton. Officials of the State Mineworkers' union stated that there was no truth in the statements regarding a reduction and advising their return to work.

WANTED IN SPRINGFIELD.

Ely Cooper Is Charged With Robbing a Hardware Store.

At 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning Ely Cooper, alias Jeff Healy, negro, was arrested in the rear of 1223 Spruce street.

Cooper is wanted at Springfield, Mo., on the charge of burglary and larceny. It is alleged that eight months ago Cooper and two other negroes stole several hundred dollars' worth of shotguns and cartridges from a Springfield hardware store. The arrest was made by Officers Keely, Noonan and Roe. Cooper is in the hands of the Springfield communication with Springfield officials.

DIED IN HIS ROOM ALONE.

Old Druggist Albert Bierman Was Out of Employment.

Albert Bierman, 55 years old, died suddenly Wednesday evening at his boarding place, 1201 Wash street.

He was a druggist. Of late he has not been in a few days ago Bierman came down with a cold and remained in his room. It is supposed to have been caused by the cold. The coroner is investigating.

The bottom out! jackets, capes and suits, 25c on the dollar!

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1000 dress remnants

Winding up the great annual January Dress Goods Remnant Sale as no Remnant Sale was ever closed before. A money-saving chance for wide-awake shoppers. Every remnant of Black and Colored Dress Goods goes to-morrow at 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c.

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DIPLOMATS STRUCK.

WOULDN'T WEAR STATE DRESS UNTIL ASSURED OF BELIEF FROM A CRUSH.

SO THE PRESIDENT YIELDED.

A Negro Woman, Wife of the Minister From Hayti, Admitted to the Reception on Terms of Equality.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—The members of the diplomatic corps were last evening given an hour and a quarter in which to pay their respects to the President and Mrs. McKinley, without coming into contact with the miscellaneous multitude admitted at 9 p. m. Under former administrations the diplomatic receptions at the White House have been the climax of crushes.

The members of the diplomatic corps determined this time that they would not pose for the edification of the crowd, and representations were delicately made to Secretary Sherman that unless a limit was placed on the invitations to this reception the members of the corps would wear nothing but regulation evening dress.

To avoid the appearance of the corps in clack-hammer coats, an order was issued, limiting the invitations. But through pressure and influence this number was increased to 3000.

When this became known Secretary Sherman was in conference with the invited guests were admitted.

In obedience to their wishes notice was given that the corps would be admitted from 7:45 p. m. to 9 p. m. During that period none of the other invited guests were permitted access to the White House grounds. This arrangement left it optional with the members of the corps to remain or to leave.

President and Mrs. McKinley on to remain and be hosted by the crowds.

Private Secretary Porter issued a manifesto at the eleventh hour, stating that the diplomats could remain if they desired. The members of the corps recognized the permission to remain as a command from the President to do so, and a large proportion yielded.

The Chinese Minister and Mme. Wu made their first appearance in society on this occasion. The presence of the Minister from Hayti and his wife marked an epoch, this being the first time that a negro woman has been received upon terms of social equality.

The absence of the army and navy was a matter of general comment.

POOL BONDS FORFEITED.

Peter Heib Went to See a Man \$250 Worth.

In Judge Peabody's Police Court Thursday last were declared forfeited in five pool cases. The names of the defendants were Fred Cook, John Patton, Morris Schurman, John Hennagan, Peter J. Heib.

Heib was a former Deputy Coroner. The raids were made on Dec. 23, and have been hanging fire ever since.

Three other defendants caught in the same raid were present. They were Joseph Dwyer, George Deane and James Halpin. Their cases were continued to Jan. 27.

Fred Cook played in bad luck. He was on hand when court opened and returned for a long time. Then he chanced an inopportune time to go across the street to see a man. When he got back his bond of \$250 had been forfeited.

IT IS STILL A MYSTERY.

Inquest Does Not Reveal How Rev. Father Kurtenbach Was Drowned.

The Coroner's investigation of the death of Father Wilhelm Kurtenbach, whose body was found floating in the river at the foot of Poplar street Wednesday, threw no light on the mystery.

The inquest developed nothing more than that the priest was drowned. When and where and under what circumstances, are unanswered questions.

But few witnesses were examined. Louis Dwyer, who found the body, related the details of his discovery, as told in the Post-Dispatch Wednesday. The hands were unlifted as if by the priest died with a prayer on his lips.

Father George Kurtenbach, brother of the deceased, told how his brother had suffered from a heart ailment, and what he had done for him.

He had shot himself three inches above the heart. Dr. Otto Claus has probed for the bullet repeatedly, but has failed to locate it. At noon to-day the doctor said there was but little chance of recovery.

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Then he fired the bullet into his breast.

FIVE ATTEMPTS AT SUICIDE.

Lottie Porter Has Been Despondent Since Edward Ley Died.

Eva Harris, alias Lottie Porter, 25 years old, is at the City Hospital recovering from her fifth attempt to leave her room by jumping out of the window.

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Thursday morning Eva was able to walk, but she refused to tell why she took the poison, or what prompted her attempt at suicide had with her lover's bruised face and subsequent arrest. She simply shrugged her shoulders.

As for Lambie he really does not seem to know what he did. He says: "I was paralyzed from a scalp wound. The theory is that Eva pounded Lambie, then grew remorseful and came to her senses."

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BULLET IN HIS BREAST.

JOHN SEIDHOFF SHOOT HIMSELF THREE INCHES ABOVE THE HEART, AT HIS HOME.

HE IS 54 YEARS OF AGE.

His Wife Says the Old Man Had Been Drinking Too Much and Quarreled With the Family.

John Seidhoff, 54 years old, is dying. He lives at 2514 North Ninth street. Last night, after quarreling with his wife and son, he went upstairs to a rear chamber and bolted the door.

A few minutes later the family were startled by a shot. They broke open the chamber door and found the old man on the floor with a revolver in his hand.

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AMERICAN SUPERIORITY.
Consul-General Mason at Frankfurt, Germany, is a most indiscreet officer of the McKinley Administration.

Mr. Mason embodies in his report on wages some interesting facts, showing that American labor is the cheapest in the world. He quotes a British expert's conclusion that the labor cost of a ton of steel billets or rails in the United States from 25 to 35 per cent less than in Great Britain, although the wages of American steelworkers are higher than those of British workmen.

A German expert, quoted by Mr. Mason, says that his investigation shows that whereas in American shoe factories the average wage is \$15 a week as compared with an average in Germany of \$3.50, yet the labor cost of American machine-made shoes is 40 cents, as compared with 55 cents for the same article in Germany. Thus the wages in the United States are four times as large and the labor cost is one-third less.

This vast superiority of American labor is due to improved machinery and the intelligence and energy of the workmen combined with intelligent direction. Part of the advantage of the American manufacturers is charged to cheap and rapid transportation.

It is thus shown that American manufacturers pay less for their labor in proportion to its earning capacity than do European manufacturers. From this standpoint, which is the only true test, American labor is paid less than laborers in Europe. The American manufacturer can underbid the European manufacturer and is doing it wherever he is permitted to compete. The European has more to fear from the cheap labor of the United States than the American workman has to fear from the so-called pauper labor of Europe.

Consul-General Mason has knocked the pins from the protective tariff argument. Freed from tariff restrictions and obstacles, the American manufacturers would rule the markets of the world.

Do the McKinley leaders want the McKinley Administration marked as the administration which took a backward step in the tariff facilities supplied the people? Shall it make everybody suffer but the trust magnates?

TWO FORMS OF TYRANNY.
Congressman De Armond and his fellow-Democrats are making a righteous fight on the floor of the House against two forms of tyranny.

One is Spanish tyranny in Cuba and the other is partisan machine tyranny in the House of Representatives. One seeks the privilege of resorting to every form of cruel outrage to prolong oppression and the other seeks to stifle the voices of the representatives of a free people who want to protest against the outrage.

The McKinley Administration is going a long way in aid of the Spanish tyrant. Not only does it make the United States the practical ally of oppression, but it refuses free speech in protest against the alliance and the oppression.

If the Democratic minority cannot break the power of the party machine in the House it is, at least, directing public attention to the infamy of its work.

Gen. Blanco is facing a dilemma, either horn of which means gore.

PINGREE AS HERCULES.
Republican Governor Pingree complains that the trust tools and bootlickers who have made the Republican party their own complain that he is no Republican. Not with any purpose of finding fault with Pingree, we ask, are they not right?

What is Gov. Pingree? Why does he persist in posing as a Republican? He says:
"To-day all the trusts and monopolies which are bleeding the country have taken refuge under the wing of the Republican party, because they fear the Democratic party, which has kicked them out."

According to Pingree the Democratic party has accomplished the gigantic task of kicking the trusts and monopolies out of its domain. They are now in Pingree's party. Can Pingree kick them out?

Pingree is a modern Hercules—a little bald-headed, but very self-confident Hercules. He is posing around in a monstrous big Aegian stable, which he proposes to clean all alone.

If Hercules Pingree and the Republicans who agree with him cannot clean out the Republican stables, what will they do—stick to the dirty stables or get cleaner stables?

A Bartholdt epitaph seems to be nearly due from the Filley typewriter.

THE TURMOIL IN FRANCE.
Zola has stirred up a hornet's nest in France, but he has done so in the interests of justice. The Government has taken advantage of his action to claim that the army is attacked. The hare-brained student element has seized the opportunity to prove its incapacity to take a broad view of public questions. The anti-Semitic set is improving the occasion by instigating riots against wealthy Jewish citizens. And the Socialists and Anarchists see in it an opportunity to bring about the expropriation of the wealthy of all religions or political persuasions.

All this as the result of a voice—a voice that will be heard. The French Government, close Zola's mouth, nor, it is to be hoped,

these temporary disorders stifle or intimidate him. All he demands is publicity. He is not responsible for the uprising of the enemies of order that his championship of Dreyfus seems to have precipitated. In due time the demand he makes must be heard and heeded.
If the French Government fails to stand the test it will merely be a proof of its weakness and incapacity.

The third annual meeting of the St. Louis Business Men's League will be held at the Planters' Hotel on Tuesday, Jan. 25, and will be preceded by a banquet. This organization is entitled to the very earnest support of the business men generally. In the short period of its existence it has accomplished much for the city and its members have worked conscientiously and disinterestedly in their work for the building up of St. Louis.

THE CARRIER REDUCTIONS.
Mayor Ziegenhain would do well to call a mass meeting of citizens to protest against the reduction of the letter carrier force and of mail deliveries in the residence districts. The Merchants' Exchange and other business organizations should supplement the general protest with special protests. Prompt action of protest against the reduction than perhaps any city in the Union. The present force of letter carriers in this city represents an injustice, because it is smaller proportionately than the forces of other large cities. Although Chicago's population is less than twice as large as that of St. Louis, Chicago has five times as many carriers.

St. Louis needs and is entitled by the earnings of the city's mail service to an increase of the present force. Every year the local service gives increased profits, a part of which should be expended in the improvement of the service, but all of which is grabbed up by the department and used for the benefit of others.

A reduction in the mail facilities of any city is bad policy, but a reduction in the St. Louis mail facilities and our overworked carriers is a special gross injustice. The people of St. Louis should protest vigorously against the outrage. Congress should be urged to do justice in this matter by promptly meeting the emergency with an appropriation.

Republican jeers in the House at the charge of violation of the St. Louis platform is an evidence of what little principle there is in partisan politicians, and especially partisan politicians of the cuckoo stripe.

Who would have thought, on the 4th of March, 1897, that on the 19th of January, 1898, a defense of the Administration's Cuban policy would be necessary in the House of Representatives?

Home markets are a good thing, but when we can export to the amount of \$33,000,000 in one year, as we did in 1897, it is quite important that we should have something to do with "abroad."

What would the fathers of the Republic have thought of the vote in the House against Cuban liberty? With so much partisan slavery in Congress, how can our own liberties last?

The embarrassment of two local retail drug firms in one year is not an indication of the unhealthfulness of St. Louis trade, but of the healthfulness of St. Louis people.

As Grand Old Man Gladstone is taking his grand old meals regularly, he may get into the new century in spite of all the cable alarms.

The cut in New England wages has made high tariff theorists exceedingly sore. There is no healing for that sort of wounds.

Possibly Hawaiian annexation may come as a means of getting rid of Senator Morgan's interminable speeches.

Southern ports for exports and Southern mills for cotton are no post-bellum dream. They are realities.

Hitt's speech is a blow at Cuban independence. But it is also a blow at the Republican party.

More letter carriers and more deliveries, not fewer, are needed.

POST-DISPATCH SNAP SHOTS.
Lady fair, if you'll remove
Your soiled and spreading hair,
I'll no more seek a "man"—
Let us meet and shake on that.

Weyer left Blanco's seat full of pins.
White pine does come to the St. Louis market; and it comes high.

The men who tried to corner the egg market in St. Louis went broke.

No man can stand the loss of his stomach unless he has a great deal of sense in his craw.

The hands of New England will have to play "Dixie" in the New England cotton mills.

The mother lode of the Klondike is not going to be a parent to every American citizen with a grub stake.

Nat Goodwin, the comedian, will have to pay his recent wife \$10 a week alimony, which is not so funny.

When the Mayor's paternal ancestor escaped from Warsaw with Napoleon the mud was well frozen.

The Bohemian Diet appears to have produced a chronic political indigestion. Or is the Diet a result of the indigestion?

With the assistance of the Fire Department all the gamblers can be captured. At the top of the ladder there is room for the policeman.

There doesn't seem to be any Mr. and Mrs. Griffith in the Senatorial contest in Maryland. Perhaps Maryland ladies do not take part in such struggles.

The largest woman bicycle rider is thought to be very fit from excessive wheeling. As she weighs 412 pounds, it is likely that the bicycle is also ailing more or less.

Misourians will never believe that Benton was but 5 feet 10 1/2 in height and that his legs were very short. Sculptor Doyle has been indiscreet in his measurements.

George Gould has been earning \$2 a day as a Federal grand jurymen. One of these days Mr. Gould may get on a grand jury that is investigating tax dodging and he may want to charge more.

In Capt. O'Malley's poker raids somebody will come within an "ace" of being "beaten" with a "club," and more than one "king of diamonds" will "fumble" as red as a bleeding "heart." That's "straight."

Senator Mason's fight with a Washington hotel clerk, growing out of the fact that the clerk did not consider a lady's traveling bag sufficient security for a hotel bill, may be productive of more Senatorial courtesy on the part of hotel clerks. Possibly familiarity with statesmen has led the Washington clerks to underestimate Congressional

HAPPY HOMERS WILL GIVE A PUBLIC WEDDING AND HOP.



Evidence of This Association's Good Faith.

EXTRACTS FROM BY-LAWS OF THE HAPPY HOME ASSOCIATION.

An applicant for admission must be between 21 and 35 years of age. He must be of good habits and able to stand a physical examination. He must have a reasonable and insured income.

Upon admission to membership a pledge must be given by the new member that within two years he will marry and furnish a happy home for his wife. Each member is pledged that he will not keep company with or become engaged to any lady without first consulting the officers and board of directors.

A roster of eligible young ladies is kept by the treasurer. The members are men of discernment and at entertainments pair off the couples according to their qualifications.

The officers shall be: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Examining Physician, Board of Directors, Patron and two investigators.

The duties of the President shall be to issue permits to members of the club to visit such ladies as they desire, pending investigation. It shall be the duty of the investigators, no matter how painful they may be, to thoroughly investigate the character of all young ladies seeking husbands through the medium of the Happy Home Association.

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Cupid, ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary from the Happy Home Protective Association, called at the home of Miss Martha Strubelt, 436 North Market street and sent an arrow clear through her heart.

He then threw aside his bow and quiver and paid his respects to William Neller of 438 Cottage avenue. Cupid proceeded to dazzle Mr. Neller's eyes with a gold ring, a marriage license, a preacher's fee in the form of a \$5 note, an order for a two-horse carriage, a suit of clothing and a bedroom set.

That settled it with Neller, and he posted around in haste to see Miss Strubelt. She said she was willing, and the marriage is going to come off Saturday evening, Feb. 12, in the West End Liederkreis Hall, at Vandeventer and Easton avenues.

The Happy Home Protective Association is managing the wedding and it will be an affair of which any man might be proud. In connection with the wedding there will be a dance, supper and a vaudeville performance, the evening's entertainment to conclude with a rattling four-round exhibition bout between Bob Douglas, champion welterweight of Missouri, and Joe Frege, champion lightweight.

The wedding will be about the fifth number on the vaudeville bill. The Rev. J. Scott Carr, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church, has promised to perform the ceremony at the special request of Mr. Neller and Miss Strubelt to the

OFFICERS OF THE HAPPY HOME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.
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Courtroom and buy the happy couple their license to wed. A number of presents will be sent to the residence of the groom, including among them the bedroom set and clothes for Mr. Neller, the special gifts of the association. Several vaudeville firms have endorsed the sentiments of the association to such an extent that they will give presents, and President Kane says the members will have enough furniture to fit up four-room apartments on the morning after the wedding.

The Happy Home Protective Association was organized on May 1, 1897, by four young men and it now has a membership of 18, with applications coming in by the score. The officers are: President, William H. Kane; Vice-President, Richard Moore; Secretary, Louis Elsie; Treasurer, Charles Geraghty; Examining Physician, Dr. H. P. Jones.

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DEPEW'S CHEAP DINNER.

He Dines With a Party of Friends at a Fifteen-Cent Restaurant.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—One hundred and fifty men and two women dined at a Bleeker street lodging and eating house. A poll of 181 of the guests showed their combined wealth to be about \$10, and the estimated wealth of the four other persons was put down at \$10,000. The millionaire quartette consisted of D. O. Mills, Dr. Chauncey M. Depew, Mrs. Burke Roche and Miss Josephine Johnson.

The dinner was served in "Mills House No. 1," which has been termed "The Poor Man's Waldorf." The hotel is one of a number of such places in course of erection, all of which will be known as "Mills Houses," and be distinguished only by the number.

A charge of 15 cents is made for meals, and for that sum a person may dine very comfortably. For three weeks Chauncey M. Depew has been anxious to inspect "Mills House No. 1." He met Mr. Mills a few evenings ago and an engagement was made. Mrs. Burke Roche and Miss Josephine Johnson were added to the company.

Under Mr. Mills' guidance the party repaired to dining-room "No. 1," where 150 men had gathered together from all parts of the country.

"I wish he would give me a pass back to Brooklyn," said a man who had been visiting for weeks to find the writer of the advertisement that lured him to New York under promise of a job as a theatrical agent.

The menu was as follows:
Soup, Vermicelli.
Roast, Prime Ribs of Beef.
Vegetables.
Mashed Potatoes, Boston Baked Beans.
Dessert.
Hot Apple Sauce, India Pudding.

All of them declared themselves delighted with Mr. Mills' bill of fare. Then they needed bread and butter to the cashier's desk. "How much do we owe?" asked Dr. Depew, pulling out a roll of crisp greenbacks.

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There is more art in making one Sunday newspaper nowadays than the makers of the great Sunday newspapers in 1899 expended on the issues of a year. That is the advance of thirty-eight years—the period in which American newspapers have been made the greatest on earth. To the Sunday Post-Dispatch is devoted other thoughts, more talent and more work than any one not familiar with the technical side of the newspaper can appreciate. The cost in money expended on that first page of the Woman's World is greater than the gross cost of issuing almost any other Western Sunday newspaper. The result is that the poster photograph which will form the first page next Sunday will be beyond the dreams of the men who are making the other newspapers.

The Sunday Post-Dispatch is a family newspaper. It is planned and constructed to meet the needs and demands of the home. It contains only that which is wholesome and it has not one dull line and not a picture which fails to illustrate. It tells the story of the world without tainting the mind, and the leading preachers, aware of the importance of the audience it reaches, are glad to give their best thoughts to its pages.

Next Sunday's issue will be greater, better, finer and more interesting than any that have gone before. There will be many stories, with vivid descriptions, which you may not miss unless you would be out of the current of life.

Do you know that the Car's children have already obtained a foothold on this continent? We bought Alaska from Russia and thought we had withdrawn a portion of our part of North America from the Little Father. Yet, firmly established, exists a Russian State with one of its eyes as a United States.

Excision of the stomach was the sensational surgical operation of 1897. What would you do with a man who lived gaily on with only a heart, one lung and a piece of brain—a brain—no support—no vital organs having been removed? You know what some European surgeons have accomplished. While have Americans

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THE LADIES FAIR SOME FEATS PERFORMED, COMPETING FOR A PRIZE.

A LOVELY PIG EACH DREW.

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Miss Mabelle Becker entertained the "Olive Club" Friday evening with a "pig party," the object of the entertainment being to draw, while blindfolded, a correct picture of a pig. As but few people, with or without the use of their eyes, can draw a recognizable sketch of a pig, the results were intensely amusing, and the cause of a great deal of merriment. Big charts of cardboard were tacked about the walls, for the use of the amateur artists, and a dance erected for the accommodation of the judges. The first prize, a cleverly wrought figure in solid French bronze, of a Chinaman astride a little pig, was won by Mr. James Moore. The second prize was won by Miss Lorraine Thompson, who will entertain the club at its next meeting.

The graduating exercises of the class of '26, St. Louis High School, will be held Jan. 28, 8 p. m., at Music Hall, Exposition building. The class colors, green and white, will prevail in the arrangement of the floral decorations. Giant palms will be backed against a background of white bunting at the back and sides of the stage, while gracefully festooned ropes of smilax knotted with snowy ribbons, will form a network overhead. The young ladies in the class will wear white gowns and carry bouquets of maidenhair fern, tied with green and white ribbon. The decorations and arrangement of color effects will be under the management of Miss Laura Lee Huff, '26, H. S., and a committee. Mr. Sturgeon has been chosen class president and Miss Boushelle vice-president. The other officers are Messrs. Fay, Maxwell, Davies, Handley and Messrs. Mary Dickinson, Laura Lee Huff, Mabel Rawson and Jessie Burdau.

The Pioneer Club will hold their nineteenth anniversary Monday evening, Jan. 24, at 8 p. m., in the Strauss Studio on Franklin avenue near Grand. Many invitations have been issued and the entertainment will be for the guests. The big operating room on the second floor will be cleared of all furniture, and placed at the disposal of the committee. The topic for the evening's discussion will be "The Revolutionary Period," with Mrs. Lewis Godlove presiding.

Mrs. Mitchell Hardenbrook, formerly Miss Anne Melton of New York, and Miss Mary Hardenbrook arrived in St. Louis Wednesday morning from Chicago, where they have been visiting Mrs. Hardenbrook's father, Mr. Melton, and her sister, Mrs. S. P. Putney. They will be the guests of Mr. A. F. Morgan of 2725 Laclede avenue, during their visit in this city. The Hardenbrooks' entertainments will be given in their honor.

"My Awful Dad" is the title of a clever, bright little three-act comedy now being rehearsed by the Philanthropic Society of St. Louis. The play, for the entertainment of which they will give Friday evening, Feb. 1, at the Grand Opera House, is a comedy of the kind which is at present heavily burdened by increased demands from the deserving poor and is greatly in need of assistance. The theatrical entertainment will be under the personal direction of Mr. Thomas Mullin, who is possessed of marked dramatic ability.

Miss Louise Hehn and Mr. Charles Pratt were quietly married at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening in the presence of the immediate family and a small number of friends. The bride wore her traveling gown of brown broad cloth trimmed with astrakhan, and a jaunty little toque to match. Miss Louise Hehn, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Mr. Roland Pratt, as best man, was the only guest.

The young couple have gone East for their honeymoon.

Visitors.

Mrs. W. V. Miller is visiting here from Kansas.

Mrs. Dana Miles of Jacksonville, Ill., is the guest of St. Louis friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Martin are visiting here from Kansas City, Mo.

Miss Mabel Dwight of New York is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Bolter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Williams, a bridal couple from Cincinnati, are guests at Hotel Beers.

Mrs. Warner of Buffalo, N. Y., arrived Thursday to visit her sister, Mrs. J. H. Thornburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. O'Brien of Chicago, and formerly of Detroit, have been spending a week in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Carr Cabanne are expecting a visit in the near future from Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Soovel.

Mrs. Harry B. Earl of Boston, Mass., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Giesel, of 2600 Chestnut street.

Mrs. and Mrs. Alex Stewart of Indianapolis, will arrive shortly to visit Miss George P. Jones, who is Mrs. Stewart's aunt.

Mrs. G. G. Garretson, a prominent Springfield, Ill., society woman, is spending a few days with friends in the west end of town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hemenway of West Morgan street are entertaining their daughter, Mrs. A. G. Stauffer, of New York City.

Miss Celeste Crook and her father, Mr. J. D. Crook, are occupying apartments at the Planters', while visiting here from Paris, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Byrne of Grand Rapids, Mich., have been visiting Mrs. Byrne's mother, Mrs. Mary Hodgen of Thornby Place.

Rev. and Mrs. James Gibson Johnson of Chicago, are stopping at Hotel St. Louis. Dr. Johnson has come to St. Louis to act as rector of the First Congregational Church.

Departures.

Miss Josephine Cobb left recently for an Eastern trip.

Miss Florence Overall has gone to Chicago for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gratz have gone to New York for a two weeks' stay.

Mrs. L. Lamson departed Monday for Chicago, to be gone about 10 days.

Mrs. Amelia Rapp has gone to Austin, Tex., to visit Mrs. L. A. Millett.

Miss Julia Walsh has gone to Detroit, Mich., to visit her daughter, Mrs. Charles Palmer.

Miss Mary Alice McLaren will go late in January to Washington, D. C., to visit friends.

Miss Hester Laughlin left a short time ago to visit her brother, Mr. Elmye Laughlin, in Chicago.

Misses Lily Carr and Marie Hayes return this week with Miss Maude Cleary to Washington, D. C.

Mrs. W. E. Pollock and Miss Lois Pollock leave next week for a Southern trip of indefinite duration.

Miss Adele Hayes leaves in a short time for New Orleans, where she will attend the Mardi Gras.

Mr. John Mahler left Sunday night for Macon, Mo., to visit Col. and Mrs. Bles. He will remain two weeks.

Miss Elizabeth Carr leaves in a day or two for Louisiana, where she will visit friends on a big plantation.

Miss Fannie Lundquist will leave for St. Louis to visit her mother, Mrs. Lundquist.

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Returns.

Mr. L. A. Fuller returns next Wednesday from New York City.

Mrs. Charles Benedict has come home from New York City.

Miss S. T. Smith has returned home after a flying trip East.

Mr. H. R. Gregory will return soon from New York, where he is visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Klein have come home from Monroe, La., where they visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Sexton have returned from the South and are again at the West End Hotel.

The Misses Lunaghi will return in about six weeks from Italy, where they have been visiting relatives.

Dr. F. K. M. E. Haase has returned from abroad and will soon take possession of their new home, 1411 Missouri avenue.

Miss John T. Willis has come home from Mobile, Ala., where she visited two months with her sister, Mrs. Harwood Blanchard.

Miss Myrtle McGrew will return Saturday from Birmingham, Mo., where she is visiting her grandfather, Mr. John Donaldson.

Gossip.

The Rainmakers' Club gave a dance Tuesday evening at Mahler's on Lucas avenue.

Reduction made on all garments at Silberman's on Broadway.

The Saturday Night Club will give a dance Saturday evening at Mahler's on Lucas avenue.

Miss Abby Muller gave an elegant reception Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock at her home, 414 West Belle place.

Miss Mabelle Becker made her debut at the home of Mrs. J. H. Thompson.

Senior Aquabella will give the third of his series of musicals at the Shattuck Hotel Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 25, at 3 o'clock.

The Morning Etude will meet at the home of Miss Anna Conn, 2707 Finney avenue, Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thompson will give a ball next Monday evening at the Union Club, corner of Jefferson and Lafayette avenues.

A benefit musicale will be given Feb. 11 at Temple Israel to Mr. Gilbert Farley. Miss Josephine Ludwig will sing on this occasion.

Miss Blanche Frank and Mr. Henry Littlejohn have announced their engagement to be married Sunday afternoon and evening, at 527 Pine street.

Mrs. Daniel Charles Bordley, Mrs. Henry O'Neill and Will L. Whipple will be "at home" Monday from 3 to 5 o'clock at 412 Forest Park boulevard.

The H. N. Club was entertained Monday evening by Miss Ione Grassmuck at her home on Dayton street. The prizes were won by Misses Cruikshank, Fabb and Grassmuck.

Jack Walpert, Jr., arrived last Saturday night and will remain indefinitely with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. John A. Walpert, at 329 Robert street. He is a good looking and is said to be a fine looking youngster.

The Baden Benevolent Society will give its annual masquerade ball at Concordia Turner Hall, Thirtieth and Arsenal streets, Saturday evening. The masquerade will be given by the members of the society.

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Miss Minnie C. Wilson, daughter of Mrs. John C. Wilson, will be married at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, to Mr. George A. Crain of Houston, Tex., the ceremony being quietly performed at the family residence on Lucas avenue. The only attendees will be the bride and groom.

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A GOLDEN WEDDING.

JUDGE AND MRS. JOSHUA HOUSTON CELEBRATE THEIR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

SEVENTEEN RELATIVES THERE.

A Hale and Hearty Husband and a Wife Who for Years Has Enjoyed Perfect Health.

Judge and Mrs. Joshua Houston of 403 Delmar boulevard gave a dinner party Wednesday evening to 17 of their near relatives and intimate friends, to celebrate their 50th or golden wedding anniversary. The Houston residence was prettily decorated with evergreens and pink roses, and the evening was passed enjoyably. Judge and Mrs. Houston have but two children living, a son, Albert Houston, whose home is in San Francisco, and a daughter, Mrs. G. G. Williams of this city, who will be remembered as Miss Ella Houston. Albert Houston of San Francisco is married and has two sons, of whom the eldest, Albert J. Houston, Jr., is engaged to be married to a well-known St. Louis society girl, Mrs. Albert Houston, Sr., is at present the guest of Judge and Mrs. Houston. Mrs. Albert Houston is a sister of Mrs. Ella Houston and Mrs. Harry Hodgen of Thornby place.

Judge Joshua Houston was born on the eastern shore of Maryland, near Baltimore, in 1840, and in this city began to study law. In 1866 he went to visit the Riffe family, who were well-known at the time. Lincoln County, Mo., and two years later he was married to Mrs. Joshua Houston, who was the belle and beauty of the community. A number of years later Joshua Houston was elected Judge of the County Court where he "reigned supreme" until the day of his death.

To-day this fine old gentleman is as strong and healthy and as youthful in appearance as a vigorous man twenty years his junior. He is tall and as straight as an arrow, and his hair is quite gray, his eyes are bright and clear, and his complexion is clear and ruddy. In appearance he looks, perhaps a fifty years of age, but not a month older.

This splendid old couple have occupied their present home on Delmar avenue for the past twenty-five years.

BURGLAR ALARM SOUNDED.

Dispensary Physicians and Drivers

Catch a Thief at Work.

For a week a thief has visited the ambulance shed at the City Hall, and has stolen blankets from ambulance horses that stand hitched ready for emergency calls.

Dr. Edgar Thompson, the night surgeon, and Drivers Kish and Nagel set a burglar alarm Wednesday night. It worked like a charm.

About 5 a. m. Thursday the alarm sounded. Dr. Thompson ran out of the alley door at the shed and Kish and Nagel ran to the main door. As they entered the thief was still in the building. They seized him and he fled. The thief was a man of about 30 years of age, of medium build, with dark hair and eyes, and was wearing a dark suit and a light-colored shirt. He was carrying a bag and a bundle. He was seen running away from the building. The thief was caught by the police and is now in jail. The grand jury indicted him.

Dr. Thompson recognized the thief as Felix Thompson, a negro about 30 years of age, who had earlier in the night applied for medicine at the dispensary and had been given a bottle of medicine. He was seen running away from the building. The thief was caught by the police and is now in jail. The grand jury indicted him.

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 DEERHAWK—Prime, dull at 25c.
 HAY—Market quiet; prime country run at 18c.
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STON-Mexico, 1000; stock, 2000;
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